



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COLONEL DEL GRISSOM

Col. Del Grissom is the staff judge advocate for Air University, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala. He is the principal legal advisor to the AU commander, the commanders and commandants of AU's centers, schools and colleges, and the AU staff on all legal matters involving military justice, labor, administrative, personnel, fiscal, and environmental law for the more than 50,000 resident and 120,000 non-resident officer, enlisted, and civilian personnel assigned, trained, educated or commissioned annually under AU's oversight.

He also provides legal support and functional guidance to the various AU subordinate units and legal offices, such as the Air Force Institute of Technology, all Senior NCO and NCO Academies, the Air Force First Sergeant's Academy, all Reserve Officer Training Corps and Junior ROTC detachments, the Civil Air Patrol-U.S. Air Force, and Maxwell's host wing, the 42nd Air Base Wing.



EDUCATION

- 1984 Bachelor of Arts degree, cum laude, in History, University of Tennessee
- 1987 Doctor of Jurisprudence degree, University of Tennessee College of Law
- 1998 Academic Instructor School, Air University, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
- 1999 Air Command and Staff College (seminar)
- 2001 Air War College (seminar)
- 2004 Master of Science, National Security Strategy, National War College, National Defense University, Fort McNair, Washington, D.C.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. May 1988-December 1989, Assistant Staff Judge Advocate, Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, 57th Air Division, Minot AFB, N.D.
2. December 1989-May 1991, Area Defense Counsel, Fourth Circuit, Air Force Judiciary, Air Force Legal Services Center, Minot AFB, N.D.
3. May 1991-January 1993, Circuit Defense Counsel, First Circuit, Air Force Judiciary, Air Force Legal Services Agency, Bolling AFB, Washington, D.C.
4. January 1993-July 1996, Appellate Defense Counsel, Appellate Defense Division, Air Force Judiciary, Air Force Legal Services Agency, Bolling AFB, Washington, D.C.
5. July 1996-June 1998, Deputy Staff Judge Advocate, Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, 314th Airlift Wing, Little Rock AFB, Ark.
6. June 1998-June 2001, Course Director and Instructor, Military Justice Division, Air Force Judge Advocate General School, Ira C. Eaker College for Professional Development, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
7. June 2001-July 2003, Chief Circuit Defense Counsel, Eastern Circuit Judiciary, Air Force Legal Services Agency, Bolling AFB, Washington, D.C.
8. August 2003-June 2004, Student, National War College, Fort McNair, Washington, D.C.
9. June 2004-June 2006, Staff Judge Advocate, 305th Air Mobility Wing, McGuire AFB, N.J.
10. June 2006-May 2009, Senior Legal Advisor to the Secretary of the Air Force Personnel Council, Office of the Air Force General Counsel, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters
Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster
Air Force Achievement Medal
National Defense Service Medal with bronze star device
Global War on Terrorism-Service Medal

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS

The Supreme Court of the United States, member of the Bar
The United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces, member of the Bar
The Air Force Court of Criminal Appeals, member of the Bar
The Supreme Court of Tennessee, member of the Bar

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

1984 Distinguished Graduate, Detachment 800, AFROTC, University of Tennessee, Knoxville
1988 57th Air Division's Junior Officer of the Quarter, October – December
1989 The Association of the Bar of the City of New York Award for Trial Advocacy (Air Force Trial and Defense Advocacy Course's Top Graduate)
1995 Air Force Judiciary's Outstanding Young Judge Advocate of the Year
1996 Eighth Air Force's Outstanding Judge Advocate of the Year
1998-1999 Associate Editor, The Air Force Law Review
2000 Editor-in-Chief, The Air Force Law Review

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Captain	Nov. 30, 1988
Major	April 1, 1996
Lieutenant Colonel	Sept. 1, 2001
Colonel	Feb. 1, 2006

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